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WHEN LABOUR RULES.

STAMPING OUT EMBERS OF WARS.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD'S HIGH AIM.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 8.

Addressing a Labour demonstration at the Albert Hall Mr. Ramsay Macdonald declared: "We are not going to take office in order to prepare for a general election but in order to do work. If capital flees from the country when we come into power the panic-mongers will be responsible and not the Labour party."

Continuing Mr. Macdonald said: "We want to go into office with a broad foot and a big heel to stamp out the embers existing in every capital which a fresh blowing wind will scatter over the inflammable material in Europe and start a fresh war so that whether we are in office six months or six years or six decades there shall be no fires in any corner of the world capable of being fanned into a great flame and involve the whole world in a new war."

The pompous folly of standing aloof from the Russian Government will be ended. The pinpricks, misunderstandings and irritations between France and ourselves are absolutely deplorable and unworthy of both countries. It will be a great thing if it is possible to put them behind us and establish with France, Italy, Russia, Germany and Czechoslovakia and all the peoples of all nations an understanding—not a rivalry of military forces—but an understanding of human men and women who have no cause for enmity.

"ONE STEP ENOUGH FOR ME."

The Albert Hall had a packed audience. In the intervals there was great singing of labour songs like, "England arise, the long night is o'er." They cheered several minutes when Mr. Macdonald rose to speak. He opened by admitting that as party they were idealists who built habitations away on the horizon but "we are not going to jump there. We are going to walk there. One step is enough for me, provided it leads to the next step." He believed the Labour Party occupying Downing Street and staffing the Government was the one thing required to give strength to morally courageous, and power to their peace forces in all sections of Europe and emphasised their intention to the complete structure of the League and to use it with-out reserve as the main instrument to secure international justice.

Mr. Macdonald desired the resumption of relations with Russia, not because he agreed with what the Russian Government had done. "That is not our business. I want trade, I want negotiations, I want a settlement from the coasts of Japan to the coasts of Ireland. If I have to protest against what is being done in Afghanistan, how can I protest without channels thereof?" He foreshadowed a scientific scheme dealing with unemployment, at the root of which lay lower purchasing power for the mass of consumers. He painted a gloomy picture of the housing conditions and said they were prepared to give any guarantee to facilitate maximum production of houses while "if trusts, monopolies, and corners stand in the way, we shall break them." (loud and prolonged cheers). He concluded by explaining that his speech was not meant to be a programme speech, but aimed at illustrating the spirit of the Labour Government if it comes to power.

DUNLOP RUBBER COMPANY.

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

LONDON, January 8.

A resolution of confidence in the Directors was passed at an extraordinary meeting of shareholders of the Dunlop Rubber Company held at the Cannon Street Hotel. Sir Eric Geddes, presiding, said the finding of the Committee of Investigation was that out of a loss of £8,320,000 shown on the balance-sheet on August 31, 1921, £7,769,000 was accounted for, including £3,569,000 written off stocks and £222,000 loss on rubber sold during the year while £550,000 is unaccounted for. The Directors' conclusions raised the gravest issues in view of the issue of writs by Sir Arthur Ducros, Mr. Alfred Ducros and Mr. George Ducros to establish their agreements with the Company. He advised the issue of five writs covering ten names. These writs had been issued except one or two where the individuals concerned had made tentative offers of settlement without prejudice. The accounts for the eighteen months ended December 31 last would probably show a profit of £1,250,000. The Company's business had now reached such a state of stability that the Board intended to submit to the shareholders proposals for the reorganisation of capital. Sir Arthur Ducros said the losses were made after his total severance from the management of the Company.

HOME RAILWAY WAGES.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR SETTLEMENT.

At the close of an all-day meeting of the executive of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, it was officially announced that in view of the overwhelming majority, namely 6 to 1 against acceptance of the Wages Board award the Executive had decided to request the general managers of the railways to meet them and discuss the position with a view to its improvement.

COMMONS MEETS AGAIN.

LABOURITES JEER MR. BALDWIN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 8.

The Commons opened with a crowded attendance and an atmosphere of lively anticipation though to-day's business was formal. The East-end Labourites arrived escorted by charabancs filled with partisans who followed the City en route with rattles and cheering and the singing of "The Red Flag." Lady Terrington, the first woman to appear, was attired in black trimmed with white and frequently surveyed the ladies' gallery with a tortoise-shell lorgnette. The women Labourites entered without hats which is unprecedented. Mrs. Philipson was the only Conservative woman present. Mr. Baldwin received Labour jeers and cries of "He is back again." Mr. Ramsay Macdonald received an ovation from his supporters. In Mr. Asquith's absence, owing to a chill, Mr. Lloyd George took Mr. Asquith's place and engaged Mr. Macdonald in conversation. There were some derisive Labour cries when Mr. Macdonald joined Mr. Baldwin in procession in obedience to the Black Rod's summons to the Lords to hear the King's request to elect a speaker.

SPEAKER RE-ELECTED.

On the motion of Sir W. E. Hume Williams seconded by Mr. J. O'Grady, the Commons re-elected as Speaker Mr. Whitley, who said they were meeting under new circumstances but he was a believer in this old House of Commons and whatever the new circumstances might be, he believed they would find a way to solve them in the Commons as the wisdom of our ancestors had built it up. Mr. Baldwin, who was loudly cheered by the Ministerialists, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. T. P. O'Connor congratulated Mr. Whitley, after which the House adjourned.

NAVAL PROBLEMS.

BASE AT THE CAPE?

LONDON, January 8.

In a leader of its Naval Correspondent's contention that the project for developing a great naval base at the Cape as an alternative to Singapore is strategically useless but that the Cape route eastward would be enormously important if passage through the Mediterranean is denied Britain in a future war, the Daily News says the official conclusion seems to be that the Cape should be provided with great dockyard facilities in order to accommodate the largest battleships, but if British battleships are to be excluded from the Mediterranean in the event of war in Europe, what use would they be at the Cape or at all? It suggests that the right solution of the problem is not to spend millions on a naval base thousands of miles away, but to build the kind of vessel able to pass through the Straits of Gibraltar and squarely face the enemy.

BRITISH TRADE WITH HOLLAND.

EXHIBITION AT AMSTERDAM.

LONDON, January 8.

An All-British Exhibition opens at Amsterdam on January 10 for a month. It has been organised by Dutch merchants interested in the recovery of British trade and it is supported by Lord Kysant and the British Chambers of Commerce. The main object is to encourage British trade in Holland and the East Indies.

FALL OF THE FRANC.

DUTCH SPECULATOR EXPELLED.

Paris, January 8.

The minister of the Interior has signed a decree ordering expulsion of a Dutch exchange speculator on a charge of spreading alarmist reports as regards the fall of the Franc.

FINANCE MINISTER'S SCHEME.

PARIS, January 8.

The Finance Minister, M. Lasterrie, has submitted a scheme to the Cabinet aiming at countering the fall of the franc. The scheme comprises, firstly, a more rigorous police regulation to suppress the campaign favouring the sale of Government securities; secondly, a revised system of quotation on the Bourse; thirdly, the weeding out of undesirable and heterogeneous frequenters of the Exchange Market; fourthly, a stricter supervision of bankers, exchange operations and fifthly, to endeavour to check the practice of certain exporters in leaving foreign money abroad.

RUM RUNNING SEIZURE.

BRITAIN SEEKS INFORMATION.

WASHINGTON, January 8.

The British Embassy has filed a request for information in regard to the seizure of the British schooner "Kwasind" by the United States authorities at Wilmington (North Carolina) after the vessel, which was carrying intoxicating liquors, had put in for repairs. It is believed that the Embassy's action is a preliminary to a formal protest as in the cases of the "Tomaku" and "Island Home."

(Other new cables will be found on page 8.)

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WEDNESDAY, January 9, 1924
commencing at 5.15 p.m.
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
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Mostly British Colonials King's head
in mint condition.
Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Monday the 7th
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Terms—Cash on delivery.
LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1924.

FRIDAY, January 11, 1924,
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at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

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8 Coils Wire Netting
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One New Electric Lighting set
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Hongkong, 7th January, 1924.

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1.—In the Island of Hongkong, Kowloon,
Road and Lower Levels, and in
Kowloon, and New Kowloon.

METER.

Five minutes..... 5 cents
Ten minutes..... 10
Quarter hour..... 15
Half hour..... 20
One hour..... 30
Every subsequent hour..... 40
If the meter be engaged
within the City of Victoria, and be dis-
charged outside the Western part of the
City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-
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Station on the Eastern side of the City
of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half
fare shall be chargeable.
For 2 or 3 drivers the fare is double or
triple respectively.

11.—In the Hill District.
Ten minutes..... 10 cents
Quarter hour..... 15
Half hour..... 20
One hour..... 30
Every subsequent hour..... 40
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With 2 Drivers With 4 Drivers.
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Quarter hour..... 15 40
Half hour..... 20 50
One hour..... 30 60
Every subsequent hour..... 40 80
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With 2 Drivers With 4 Drivers.
Ten minutes..... 10 cents 30 cents
Quarter hour..... 15 40
Half hour..... 20 50
One hour..... 30 60
Every subsequent hour..... 40 80

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J. Button Hongkong Club, from
Shanghai.
Yim Yip Chong Ching Street, West
Point, from Tientsin.
Wan Ching 231 Queen's Road, from
Marseilles.
Uyilphen, from Amoy.
Lin Lee 233 Queen's Road, from
Shanghai.
Kwong Loong Mon. Mow Mow, from
Shanghai.

N. LUND,
Act. Superintendent.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1923.
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ASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.
List of unclaimed telegrams lying in
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M. E. F. AIRY,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1923.

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A tin hotel at Nimmitabel (N.S.W.)
is a black crow which can talk as
well as some human beings. In
the early morning he sits over the
bar door and on seeing the mail-
man preparing for his long trip
calls out, "Come and have a drink."
He then enters the bar and calls,
"Two long beer, please." If mugs
are left on the counter, he will
drain the leavings until he is quite
drunk, and then ask to be put to
bed to sleep it off. —W. P. T.

THE FLYING FLINT.

It happened in the Western
District the other day. Near a
haystack there was a grindstone.
Some boys were amusing them-
selves pelting stones at the latter.
It made a quick bonfire. —Smoke.

THREE WEDDING MARCHES.

I know a charming little West
Australian who was married at 17,
a mother at 18, divorced at 19, re-
married at 21, widowed at 22, mar-
ried again at 24, is now 30, and
looks about the age at which the
feminine sex is irresistible. —Dell.

SAMPLEMANIA.

Came across an old age pen-
sioner in a hut near Boorowa
(N.S.W.) whose hobby was collect-
ing free samples of all sorts.
After 40 years of it he had a large
shed stacked from top to bottom.
One day the old fellow returned to
find the hut had been burnt down.
The shock killed him. —Caloola.
Advertising.

BREEZY.

A recent matrimonial advertise-
ment in the "West Australian":
"Young man, 24, would like meet
refined young lady, about same
age, with view to above. Must be
one used to sleeping on cyclone
beds."

BE CLEAN.

When it comes to advertising, an
Orange chemist believes in clean
methods. He displays a cake of
soap in his window, together with
a card bearing the inscription:
"Soap is cheaper than dirt."

IT CAME TRUE.

Slogan advertising does not
always pay. A Melbourne mercer
had his shop placarded with:
"Watch Our Windows." "Why
Wear Shabby Hats?" "Every-
thing MUST be cleared." Unfor-
tunately for him, the looting mob
took his word for it.

GOING ONE BETTER.

A suburban draper filled his
window with men's braces, insert-
ing a large ticket: "Snaps at
2/11." A rival opposite dressed
his window with similar articles,
and announced on a large sign:
"These Braces Are Not SNAPS!"
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My Wild Skin.

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"Dr. Bolton states that
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multitudes of parasites exude
from the pores of the skin.
These include cysts, and fungi
of all kinds. It is obvious, says
Dr. Bolton, that soap and
water do not destroy the
creatures—Cable.

I wish that I didn't know things
that I do!
I thought I was lonely, but, Lord,
I'm a zool!
Religion had failed me, but still I
had hope
Till Science derided my water
and soap.

Water and soap!
How can I cope
With "fungi" and "cysts" with-
out water and soap?

It may be correct, but it's terribly
rude
To tell me the sort of wild beasts I
"exude."
I'm a slum and a jungle! So wild
is my skin,
I ought to be pickled and packed
in a tin.

Packed in a tin!
Well soldered in!
All on account of this wonderful
skin.

True.
CATCHING THE DOG-EATER.
While a lad was swimming his
dog from the jetty steps in a small
South Australian bay a huge shark
seized the dog and dined. An
electrician engaged in telephone
repairs, with the assistance of an
old fisherman, fixed up a bait, con-
sisting of a sheep's pluck and a
detonator attached to a wire.
Directly the bait was thrown over
the monster snapped it, and the
battery was turned on. Whether
it was the result of the explosion or
the sudden jump of the shark, the
next moment the monster landed on
the jetty steps in such a way that its
battered head became jammed be-
tween the steps and was held fast
until a rope was slipped around it.
—J. A.

WRECKWOOD STEEDS.
Some years ago, at Glenelg
(S.A.), a visiting merry-go-round
proprietor had his wooden horses
on the beach, when a joker remark-
ed: "Don't you think it's cruel to
leave these horses without food and
exposed to the cold all night?"
"Mind your own business!"
growled the testy owner. That
night all the wooden steeds were
carted to the town pound and left
there. —L. V.

LUCKY HALF-CROWN.
In the factory in which I worked
previous to the war, was a labourer
who used to borrow and forget to
repay. But once, to everybody's
surprise, he repaid me half-a-
crown. I decided to keep it as a
memento and punched my initials
and the date (1918) on one side.
Subsequently, at a two-up school
at Broadmeadows Camp in 1919, I
went broke. I made a last bet

with my memento and lost. In
Warrham Camp (Eng.), two years
later, after going broke at two-up,
I was returning to my hut when I
picked up a half-crown. It was
my long lost memento. I returned
to the "school," made and won a
bet with it. That day my winnings
totalled £33. I'm hanging on to that
old half-dollar now. —Crispie.

Confusion of Tongue.
Carol-singers have already com-
menced operations, and show no
inclination to withdraw in favour
of election speakers. Consequently
something like this may happen
any night—

"Good King Wenceslas look out
Overtaxed and rated.
While the snow lay round about
"That point's been debated."
Brightly shone the moon that
night
"Just for his enjoyment,"
When a poor man came in sight
"Looking for employment."

Humour in the Courts.
Wife at Willesden: "My
husband has never been sober
since you bound him over to keep
the peace, six weeks ago."

A woman described herself at
Bow County-court as "a lady
dicker," and explained that she
was the wife of a dock labourer.

My husband used to say he
would go through fire and water
for me, but now, at the first sign of
rain, he lays in bed, said a wife, at
Bow County Court.

A tenant at Willesden alleged
damage to his goods during
ejectment.
Magistrate: What goods? Good
enough goods. Six pawntickets
are missing.

"Have you any means?" a
witness was asked at Marylebone
County Court.
Witness: How can I have means
with a forty-year-old husband with
twenty-year-old ideas.

Wife at Tottenham: My husband
told me the other day that I only
continued to live with him as a
means to an end. Magistrate:
What end? Wife: To provoke
him to murder me!

A servant, giving evidence at
Bow County Court, said she packed
some hats in a large box. Counsel:
And the dress in a pill-box. Isup-
pose? Witness: Oh, no, it was not
an evening dress.

A constable described at Totten-
ham how he found a man standing
aside a dog's kennel. Awakened
and asked who he was, he answer-
ed "I don't know." Asked where
he lived, he answered, too, "I don't
know."

When a motorist was summoned
at Stratford, he is reported to have
said to the constable who stopped
him: That's right; write down all
I say and tell all the old
judges what I have told you!

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY the 10th January 1924, at 5 p.m.

The purposes for which the Meeting is called are—

(a) To confirm the following resolutions passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 12th December 1923:

1. That the Rules of Racing made by the Hongkong Jockey Club be amended by adding after Rule No. 11 the following:

11a. After the Annual Race Meeting 1924 a China Pony is a horse measuring 13 hands 3 inches and under.

2. That the said Rules of Racing be amended by striking out Rule No. 77 and substituting the following—

77. The weight for China Ponies shall be 140 pounds for 12 hands with an additional 3 pounds for every complete inch above that height. Fractions of an inch to count in favour of the Pony. Any Pony measuring 14 hands (fractions of an inch to count in favour of the Pony) and under shall be eligible to compete at the Annual Race Meeting in 1924 in any race reserved for China Ponies.

After the Annual Race Meeting in 1924, any China Pony which measures over 13 hands 3 inches, to be ineligible to compete in any race reserved for China Ponies (fractions of an inch over 13 hands 3 inches not to count).

77a. After the Annual Race Meeting 1924 the Stewards may refuse to accept the entry of any Pony which in their opinion is not a China Pony. They may, at their discretion, appoint a Committee of Inspection. The Stewards' decision shall be final.

3. That Rule No. 34 of the Rules and Regulations of the Hongkong Jockey Club be amended to read—

34. The Stewards have power to draw up and settle the programme and fix the date or dates for any Race Meeting.

4. That Rule No. 76 of the Rules of Racing made by the Hongkong Jockey Club be unchanged.

(b) To propose a resolution adopting the revised Rules and Regulations of the Club as circulated to the Members in which the following new provisions have been made:

1. For the division of the Members of the Club into Voting and Non-Voting or Ordinary Members.

2. For Lady Racing Members.

3. For the increase of the Entrance Fee to the Club.

4. For Visiting Members.

5. For the appointment of a Secretary.

6. For the alteration of the date upon which subscriptions are payable and other minor alterations.

By Order

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 2, 1924.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

THIRD TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, January 12th

at 9.15 p.m.

at the

THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENT

TEN ROUND LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST

A. B. EARDLEY, v. A. B. WRIGHT.

H.M.S. Ambrose v. H.M.S. Hawkins

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Six Rounds.

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Offer of 4,000 Shares of Public Subscription.

Of the above shares 15,000 credited as fully paid will be allotted to The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, as the purchase price for the sale to the Company of property, plant, machinery and equipment of The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, on the terms of the contract set forth in this Prospectus. Of the remaining 35,000 shares it is intended at the present time to issue only 15,000, and of these shares 11,000 have already been subscribed for cash by the Directors and their friends. On these shares \$2.50 per share will be paid on application and the balance when called up on the same basis as the remaining capital.

The remaining 4,000 shares to be issued at the present time, ranking equally with those already subscribed, are now offered for Public Subscription, payable as to \$2.50 per share on application. The balance due on each share (\$7.50) will be called up on allotment. The unissued Capital of the Company will be issued at such time or times and on such terms as the Directors shall determine.

Directors:

CHARLES EDWARD HARTNELL BEAVIS, No. 9, Queen's Road Central,

Victoria, Hongkong, Solicitor.

CHIAN PEK CHUN, No. 34, Bonham Street West, Victoria, Hong-

kong, Merchant.

CHAP YUE TENG, No. 16, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria,

Hongkong, Merchant.

CARL BRADLEY SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria,

Hongkong, Architect.

EDWARD DEAN SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria,

Hongkong, Architect.

WONG KWOK SHUN, No. 169, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria,

Hongkong, Banker.

One further Director will be appointed by the Board after allotment.

Bankers:

THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Auditors:

MESSIEURS LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,

Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, Hongkong.

Solicitors:

MESSIEURS WILKINSON & GRIST,

No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

Registered Office of the Company:

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PROSPECTUS.

(a) The recent remarkable developments in building in this Colony have resulted in a demand for labour and building materials that has been unprecedented. Increased costs, consequent upon such demand, necessitate the adoption, where possible, of means whereby not only labour be saved but materials produced both quickly and economically. This Company is formed mainly for the purpose of providing plaster and gypsum products which are required in the construction of every building from the small house to the largest block of modern offices. "Simplex Plaster," which the Company proposes to manufacture in this Colony, is manufactured by a special process, and is at present only obtainable from abroad, and the Promoters are confident that it can be manufactured here and sold for a price considerably below that which the commodity commands in Hongkong at the present time. This plaster is now extensively used in building in this Colony, and is in fact, as experience has shown, extremely beneficial in the Far East and particularly in Hongkong, for it is impervious to white ants, does not chip owing to damp, and is practically fireproof, remaining unbroken and unaffected by heat unless of a temperature of 250 to 300 degrees centigrade.

(b) The Company has acquired as a going concern that branch of the business of The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, which has been engaged in the manufacture of "Simplex Plaster." The purchase includes a piece of land of an approximate area of 41,000 square feet situate at Tsun Wan, together with the buildings, plant, machinery and equipment thereon, the machinery being already assembled for the commencement of manufacture. The purchase price will be paid and satisfied by the allotment to The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, of 15,000 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up. Furthermore the agreement with the Vendors provides that the Vendors will place with the Company all further orders for the supply of plaster required by the Vendors.

(c) The Contract for the acquisition of this business is dated the 4th day of January, 1924, and is made between The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, of the one part and Denis Henry Blake as Trustee for the Company of the other part. A copy of the Contract can be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company or at the office of the Company's Solicitors.

(d) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is seven shares.

(e) No commission or promotion money is being paid by the Company.

(f) The Company will pay the preliminary expenses of and incidental to the formation and floating of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business, and the estimated amount thereof is \$5,000.00.

(g) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 500 shares in the Company, and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$500.00 per annum.

(h) The Directors are interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of other companies with whom the Company may do business.

(i) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company or at the office of the Company's Solicitors.

(j) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(k) Application for shares should be made upon the Form attached to this Prospectus, and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$2.50 per share, the amount of the deposit.

Where no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(l) Prospectuses can be inspected at and Forms of Application obtained from the Company's Bankers, The International Banking Corporation, and at the Registered Office of the Company.

Dated the 4th day of January, 1924.

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED & FOURTH

ORDINARY MEETING OF

SHAREHOLDERS in the Company

will be held at the Office of the

Company No. 4A, Des Voeux Road,

on FRIDAY, 1st February 1924, at

12 O'clock NOON for the purpose of

receiving a Report of the Directors,

together with a Statement of

Accounts, declaring a Dividend and

electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the

Company will be CLOSED from

Saturday 19th January to Friday 1st

February 1924, both days inclusive,

during which period no transfer of

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 8th, 1924.

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Applications in writing must state qualifications and date of free, and should be addressed to the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, 5 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, endorsed "Secretaryship."

Hongkong, January 3, 1924.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1924.

ENTRIES for the FORTHCOMING RACES close on SATURDAY, 19th instant at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Jockey Club Rooms, 3A, Chater Road on this date.

Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, the Jockey Club Rooms (Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road) or Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1924.

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, HONGKONG.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held in the Supreme Court on MONDAY, the 14th January at 5.10 p.m.

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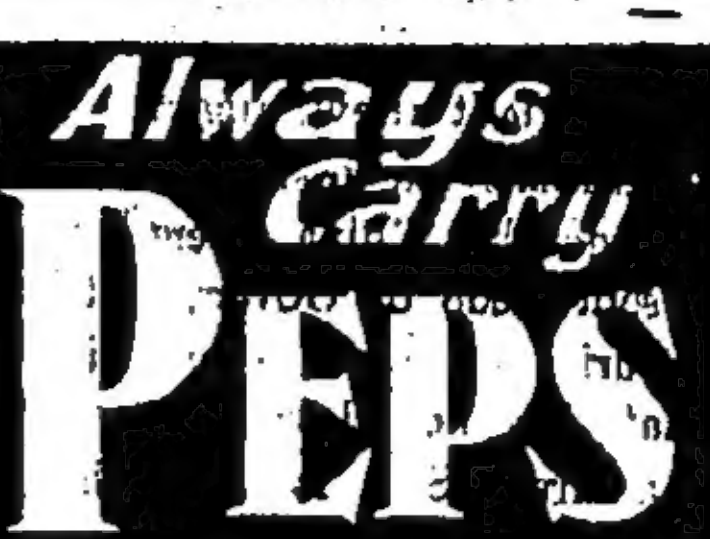
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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

To steal bunches of grapes which were part of the harvest festival decorations at Warsaw (Notts) parish church, a thief smashed a valuable stained glass window.

Southend's lifeboat, which has saved thirty-four lives during the past twenty-four years, has been replaced by the "William Roberts," a larger and self-righting boat.

Mr. Leonard Raven Hill, cartographer, and Miss Maryon Jean Lyon, advertisement manager, both on the staff of "Punch" had a quiet wedding at St. Columba's, Port-street, W.

The British Trade Commissioner at Sydney states that imports of German origin into New South Wales during 1st August were valued at £34,119, compared with £24,958 in July, and £38,862 in June.

One hundred tramway-cars have been burned in a fire in one of the Tokio sheds, thus further handicapping the city's service, already reduced owing to the number of cars lost in the earthquake.

A mansion, 20 agricultural holdings, and practically all the small market town of Cromford, Derbyshire, are included in the Willersley Castle estate (1,300 acres), Matlock, which is to be sold by Messrs. Knight, Frank, and Rutley.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. has given \$500,000 to the endowment fund of the New York Zoological Society, and will give a second \$500,000 as soon as the society raises \$1,000,000 more, an official of the society announced.

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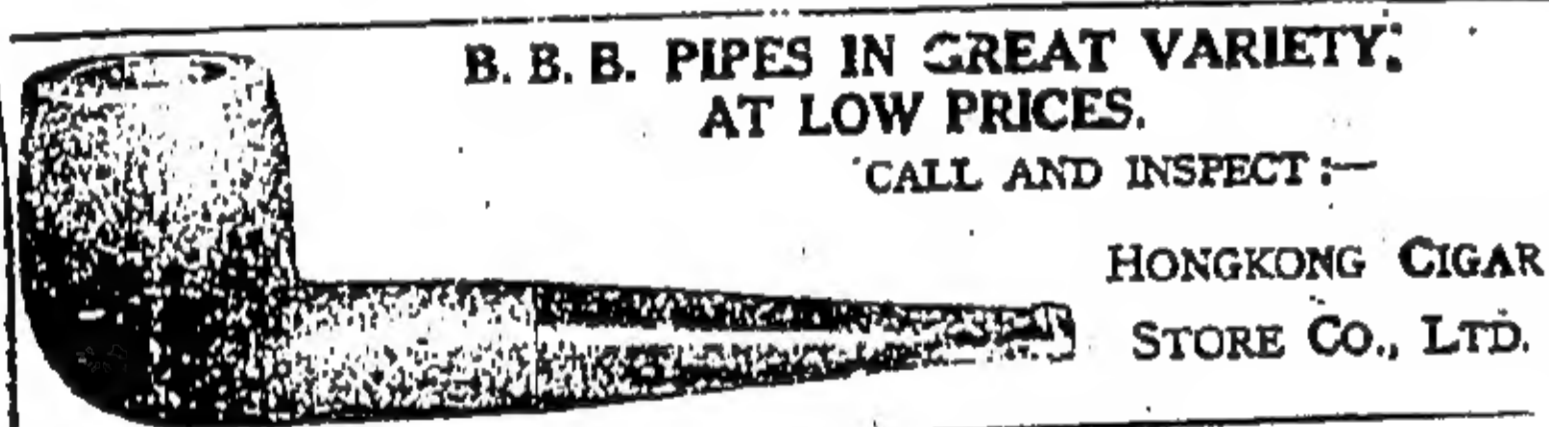
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BIRTH.

BAILEY.—On Sunday, the 6th inst., at Government Civil Hospital, the wife of Mr. W. N. Bailey, of a daughter.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9, 1924.

THE ROUND TABLE.

If we mistake, not it was the late Sir Henry May who, at an important event in the family life of Sir Robert Ho Tung, likened himself and Sir Robert as knights eager, if necessary, to battle for the right as in the days of chivalry. Those perilous days have passed to give place to days which are equally perilous in perhaps a different sort of way, although where the clash of men's wills are concerned, there can be very little difference between the days of old and of those in which we live. The spectacle therefore of Sir Robert Ho Tung, in the summer of his days, when his leisure with good reason might be more selfishly spent, spending time and energy in endeavouring to get together the disturbing elements in China to a conference to consider the present position of the country and the utterable confusion and chaos which exists, and to see if there is no way out to a brighter future, must fill the mind with a

sense of admiration. The value of this example of true patriotism to the younger generation, and indeed to the older, is beyond price. It may be alleged that for all his setting out in pursuit of the Holy Grail of peace, our knightly pilgrim has nothing to show, that for all the good he has done, he might well have remained in the possibly more salubrious atmosphere of Hongkong. We beg to differ. We are assuming, as we must, that Sir Robert's efforts are entirely disinterested and that he is actuated with the motive that moves the minds and hearts of all true lovers of China whether they belong to her or not. The reasoning spirit is as old as mankind. We have Biblical precedent for it when the sinfulness and waywardness of man was evidently just as great as they are now, and when the urge was "Come let us reason together." That is the cry to-day in China, as insistent and as necessary and desirable as in the days of ages ago. The onlooker confesses his inability to understand the continual strife and happenings which disrupt a great nation, which are apt to make her a necessary and not always welcome prey to diplomatic exigencies, which confuse the mind and tend to hasten and very often wrong diagnosis of those engaged in a seeming endeavour to gain their own aim and end. These have been called to a simple conference and seem generally to have agreed. In one direction the time is not considered opportune or ripe,

and for the time being the proposed Round Table Conference becomes the sign of an inspired imagination, needing the breath of life to be breathed into its bones to make it become a healthy and a living reality, of benefit to China as it is hoped the League of Nations may become to the World. The names of those who stand for so much in China who have become interested in this peace plan; the fact that an influential Committee has been appointed to press it forward at every conceivable opportunity, and the fact also that the author of it is by no means discouraged but pins his faith to it anew, augurs well for its ultimate success. We are apt to forget that China emerged from centuries of rigid domination to what it was hoped was a better state of affairs. She is but a child—wayward one perhaps, in this state, groping for the light and needing all the sympathy that it is possible to give. Let us give it by at least encouraging those who, like Sir Robert Ho Tung are endeavouring to bring peace on sane and common-sense lines. It is very true to say that he that will not reason is a bigot; he that cannot reason is a fool; and he that dares not reason is a slave.

A Union.

Captain Robert Dollar has, so it seems to us, advanced the question of the desirability of some such organization as a Rotary Club by urging as he did in his speech yesterday, the formation of an English Speaking Union. It is the same thing, but another name. The same as our cherished idea of an International Club which we hold is a thing much to be desired in this place and so essential to its prosperity and happiness. An English Speaking Union suggests no bounds; no creeds, no colour. All who speak English and can be admitted to the common standards of respectability to be eligible. It needs only a moment from our own individualistic pursuits or hobbies, whether in the realms of business or of art, to realise the immensity and far-reaching possibilities of the idea. Capt. Robert Dollar is a figure in the maritime world to be reckoned with; a man who sees at a glance what this place needs. It may be that we need to "get a move on" if we are to be succeeded by Shanghai as a shipping port, but we also need to "get a move on" in the formation of this proposed English Speaking Union. This being a British Colony, the call is to those who by their position are looked upon as leaders. Will they fail to see the vision that is daily before them, or do they wait for someone to "get a move on" before joining in?

Piracy.

There may be good reasons why the Government has made no move to institute enquiries into recent piracies of ships sailing out of Hongkong, but the lay mind may be forgiven if it cannot, in the absence of official news, quite grasp what those are. The Government official concerned has made his report to his superior officer, He Who Ruleth By Right of Appointment, and there the matter ends. Is it going to be allowed to end there? The enquiry into the pirating of the "Sun Ann" was held because the circumstances were "so exceptional." How more exceptional than any of the other steamers we are at a loss to know. We agree with one of our correspondents that most people would imagine that an enquiry into every piracy would be held as a matter of course. A master loses his ship at sea, or suffers a collision, or some other serious marine happening. An enquiry into such is held as a matter of course. Why not then in the case of a piracy where a master for the time being loses control of his ship and the lives and property entrusted to his care? It seems a matter of commonsense. Non-observance of it carries with it natural conclusions, and those concerned have only themselves to blame if these conclusions are far from complimentary. In any case the matter cannot be allowed to remain where it is.

A fashion journal *CHARIVARIA* says that elegant gowns are coming in again for women. Soon dappers drawing many stares. Will knock the poor males flat. They'll put on quite a lot of airs. And let it go at that.

\$2,000 (gold) each is being asked for the Dinosaur eggs recently "collected" in China. A heavy price for a poached egg surely.

"When I served the summons on my flung her rouge at me" complained a man in a F. Lee Court. When he saw red evidently!

A painter in New Zealand has been caught stealing White-lead. Caught red-handed?

A Vienna Doctor says he can diagnose a man's character by the way he snoozes. Snuff and nonsense!

It is to be noted that the Goat-land doctor passed through Hongkong. Found the place too lively evidently.

We understand the Onion Club has noted the willingness of the lady associated with the newly-formed Boy Scouts branch on the Peak, to be known as The Old Wolf.

Mr. Compton Mackenzie, in his latest novel, which we can recommend,

uttered a truth when he says:—There are many ways of furnishing a house hideously and many ways of furnishing it unbecomingly, but there is no way that so unhappily combines both as the style of the Orient.

Shades of blackwood chairs, don't we know it.

Do not bestow either JAPANESE rewards or punishment while you are waiting until your emotion has subsided lest your award may be in proportion to a bribe.

Ask no man's counsel if thou dost not mean to follow it, for while some physio's use lies in drinking, not the buying it.

A man who is strong in evil is also strong in good. When cold Dew-fog fills the air with frost the shining fowl takes refuge in a tree. The wild duck takes the water. Over taste there's no disputing.

To do good is easy, but not to seek a reputation for so doing is difficult. But doing good without any consideration of reputation is true goodness.

We had a STRAIGHTFORWARD note in Saturday's issue stating that

"there is no such thing as absolutely unimpeded clear, straightforward thinking." In what may be considered confirmation of this we came across the following by Laurence Sterne:—"Of all the ways of beginning a book which are now in practice throughout the known world, I am confident my own way of doing it is the best. I begin with writing the first sentence and trusting to Almighty God for the second. In this way 'Tristram Shandy' was written, and we may be thankful that the trust in Almighty God was well founded.

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and windy speech at the last meeting of the Education Board for intruding us into wondering what he meant by his reference to the two kings of Brentford. Our office copy-editor who is the recognized authority in the Colony knowing Cassell's one-and-tuppenny book of quotations from A. to Z., says this is very easy. Here is his cryptic remark:

"Brentford:—Like the two kings of Brentford smelling at one nose-peg. Said of persons who were once rivals, but have become reconciled. The allusion is to The Rehearsal (1672) by the Duke of Buckingham. The Two kings of Brentford enter hand in hand, and the actors to heighten the absurdity, used to make them enter 'smelling at one nose-peg'."

So now we know. And at the next meeting of the board, we shall expect to see the doughty ones whose interest in education is beyond question enter hand in hand, "smelling at one nose-peg."

The utterances of ELIZABETH, the late lamented Queen Elizabeth, were very acid as we have previously demonstrated.

To her Judges when she was 25 she said:—

"Have a care over my people. You have my people—do you that which I would do. They are my people. Every man oppresseth and spoileth them without mercy. They cannot revenge their quarrel nor help themselves! So unto them—see unto them, for they are my charge. I charge you even as God hath charged me. I care not for myself; my life is not dear to me. My care is for my people. I pray God, whoever succeedeth me, be as careful of them as I am."

To Chancellor Bacon she said:—"I have followed your advice these two years past in all the affairs of my kingdom, and I have seen nothing but trouble, expense and danger. From this hour, for the same length of time, I am going to follow my own opinion and see if I find I do any better."

Some of the Queen's most vigorous speeches were to her House of Parliament. To a Committee of Parliament she said:

"Was I not born in this Realm? Were my parents born in any foreign country? 'Tis then any cause that I should alienate my-

self from being careful over this country? Is not my kingdom here? Whom have I oppressed? Whom have I enriched to others' harm? What turmoil have I made to this Commonwealth that I should be suspected to have no regard of the same?"

The proprietor of THE PERFECT a certain store is SALESMAN. for ever scolding his employees for their indifference in the matter of possible sales.

One day, hearing an assistant say to a customer: "No, we have not had any for a long time," the proprietor, unable to countenance such an admission, began to work himself into the usual rage.

Fixing a glassy eye on his assistant, he said to this customer: "We have plenty in reserve, maintain plenty downstairs!"

Whereupon the customer looked dazed and then, to the amazement of the proprietor, burst into hysterical laughter and walked out of the store.

"What did she say to you?" demanded the proprietor of the assistant.

"We haven't had any rain lately."

To-day's Poem.
(My Country.)
England, with all thy faults, I love thee still—
My country! And, while yet a nook is left

Where English minds and manners may be found,
I shall be constrained to love thee, Though thy clime

Be fickle, and thy year most part deformed
With dripping rains, or withered by a frost,
I would not yet exchange thy sullen skies.

And fields without a flower, for warmer France,
With all her vines; nor for Ausonia's groves
Of golden fruitage, and her myrtle bowers.

—COWPER.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JANUARY 9.

1665. Up and walked to Whitehall, it being still a brave frost, and I in perfect good health, blessed be God!—Pepys.

1740. Inclement weather, commencing on Christmas day, continued through the whole of a month, when the Thames was frozen over, so that numbers of people walked upon it.—*Universal Chronicle*.

MONEY

Those who hold that money can do anything are invariably prepared to do anything for money.
—BRACHTEN (1748-1824).

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 9.—Coronet Theatre; "Are You A Failure?"
January 9.—Star Theatre; "What Wives Want."
January 9.—World Theatre; "The Heart Line."
January 9.—The Grand Theatre; Jackie Cogan in "Trouble."

SOCIAL.

January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

SPORT.

January 12.—Theatre Royal, H.K. Boxing Assn.'s third tournament of the season, at 8.15 p.m.

FUELIC AUCTION.

January 9.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, Postage Stamps, 5.15 p.m.

January 11.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETING.

February 1.—One-hundred and fourth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong-Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., at the Offices of the Company, Noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

January 9.—Forty-eighth annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong, 9.15 p.m.

January 10.—Hongkong Jockey Club, extraordinary general meeting, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., at 5 p.m.

January 14.—Ordinary annual general meeting of St. David's Society in the Supreme Court, 5.10 p.m.

January 14.—General meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society in St. John's Cathedral, 5.15 p.m.

CURRENT COMMENT.

WHAT THE CHINESE PAPERS SAY.

PROPOSED EMBARGO ON SILVER COIN.

Instead of relieving the currency stringency, the recent proposal by the Canton Government that an embargo be placed on the export (from Canton) of silver coins, has had disturbing effects. Trade in the whole province is based entirely on silver coins. For example, rice supplies are entirely dependant on imports from abroad and if silver coins cannot be exported, purchases will have to be paid for in Western (Hongkong) notes, and prices will certainly rise. At present, Canton bankers are making capital of the proposal. There has been strong demand for Hongkong notes, premium for which has considerably appreciated.

CANTON'S NEW GOVERNMENT.

To put it on an equal footing with Peking, in its claim for recognition of the right to a part of the Customs Surplus and other questions, the Canton Military Headquarters has definitely decided to call itself the National Government, provisions for which are already being made, and will be completed in a short time. As the present headquarters is practically the Government, little will need to be done to enable it to be called the National Government.—(*Tsun Wan Yat Po*—Hongkong.)

NEW SOLICITOR.

MR. D'ALMADA REMEDIOS ADMITTED.

Mr. Jose Maria D'Almada Remedios, nephew and adopted son of Mr. Leo D'Almada, was, on the motion of the Attorney-General (the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.O.), admitted this morning by the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.) to practise as a solicitor in the courts of the Colony.

In admitting Mr. Remedios, the Chief Justice said: "The Attorney-General has informed me that you have passed the examination which qualifies you to practise in these Courts. I am also glad to be informed that you have passed a very creditable examination. You bear a name which is well-known and respected in these Courts and I hope your career will be a successful one and that you will fully keep up the reputation of the family to which you are attached."

DIVIDEND AND BONUS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that, subject to audit, the dividend and bonus for the half year ending 31st December, 1923 will be—

Dividend £3 per share.	
Bonus in addition to dividend £2 per share.	
Add to Silver Reserve Fund	\$1,000,000
Write off Bank Premises	\$1,000,000
Carry forward to next year, about	\$3,375,000

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting-up time to-day is at 5.56 p.m.

Exchange on London is 2/3 3/4; on Shanghai 7 1/2.

Sixteen fresh cases of small-pox were notified yesterday.

London mails of December 13, reached Hongkong yesterday via Siberia. The mails of the same date via Suez are due to-day.

The Asia Banking Corporation obtained judgment in Manila against Messrs. Teal and Co., Inc., for P250,000, with legal interest. The suit related indebtedness guaranteed with mortgage.

The silk shipped per s.s. "President Jackson," which sailed from this port at 10 a.m. on December 12, arrived in New York at 10 a.m. on January 4, having been 23 calendar days in transit.

"That All Fortunes Having a Surplus Over a Million Dollars Should Have That Surplus Reverted to the Government" will be debated at the meeting of the English Debating Club on Friday next of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

The "Saarbrücken," which arrived in port from Bremen, had on board 148 German and 2 American passengers. Of the German passengers 4 were booked to Hongkong, 14 to Canton, 12 to Manila, 2 to Pakhoi, 104 to Shanghai, 9 to Kobe and 3 to Yokohama.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Captain and Mrs. Robert Dollar left to-day for Manila on the "President Madison."

ARMS EVIL.

DANES AT CRIMINAL COURT.

NEW LAW CRITICISED.

It is not often that Europeans are seen in the dock at the criminal sessions but it occurred this morning when three Danes belonging to the crew of the motorship "Malaya" pleaded guilty before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.) to charges alleging them to have been in possession of revolvers and ammunition.

The prisoners, whom Mr. Campbell Prosser (instructed by Messrs. Deacon, Harston & Shenton) defended, were:—Ole Poulsen, George Holte and Sigurd Peter Thorsen.

The Crown Solicitor (Mr. H. K. Holmes), said the arms were found in the accused's quarters aboard the "Malaya" while the ship was lying alongside the Kowloon wharf. Poulsen had 5 revolvers and 500 rounds, Holte 4 revolvers and 491 rounds and Thorsen 3 revolvers and 300 rounds. The revolvers were all small pocket automatics and were quite new.

In the course of an appeal for clemency Mr. Campbell Prosser said the ship arrived on November 27 and left for Kobe on December 1. The arms were found on November 30 at 10.30 p.m. and counsel argued that if the men had intended to land them in Hongkong they would have done so long before and would have concealed them much more effectively. They bought the revolvers in Antwerp for 60 francs each—about \$10—100 rounds of ammunition being thrown in with them. Their intention was to exchange them for Japanese teasels in Kobe.

Mr. Campbell Prosser contended that this was a case which the Magistrate would have dealt with summarily except for the new Ordinance which provided that a Magistrate must commit unless he received a written request from the G.S.P. to the contrary. These men had now, however, been put in jeopardy of one form of punishment—imprisonment—whereas if they were tried before a Magistrate the alternative of a fine would be available.

"To say the least of it," Mr. Campbell Prosser continued, "Section 4 of the latest Ordinance is a novel and astounding contribution to English jurisprudence—that any right should be taken from a prisoner before a hearing and that a magistrate should have powers taken away from him by somebody not sitting in a judicial capacity."

The Chief Justice: "There is to be said about it, that the Legislative Council is dealing with a very exceptional state of affairs in the Colony. At any rate it is not for the Court to consider that question at all. My duty is to interpret the law as I find it. What else have you to say on the merits?"

Mr. Campbell Prosser added that two of the men had been discharged with good characters from the Danish Navy. They were educated, intelligent men and had it been brought to their notice that the possession of arms was illegal there would have been nothing which could have been said in their favour. As it was, they were regarding this as a peaceful bartering transaction which they intended to carry out in Kobe and as far as the mental element was concerned there was no crime committed. Counsel suggested that a very small term of imprisonment would meet the spirit of the recent Ordinance.

The Chief Justice decided to reserve sentence until a later date.

Other Offenders Sentenced.

Five Chinese and a Filipino pleaded guilty to similar offences committed under circumstances which pointed to the police having recently instituted a somewhat rigorous campaign amongst Chinese passengers embarking and disembarking on local steamers.

The sentences imposed by the Chief Justice ranged from seven years imprisonment with 10 strokes of the "cat" to three months' imprisonment. The man awarded the seven years and the "cat" was caught leaving the steamer "Jado" with loaded weapons concealed in the false bottom of a basket and His Lordship expressed the opinion that this was just the type of offence the Legislature had in mind when they authorised the Court to give corporal punishment and he felt justified in making an example of the prisoner.

Most of the other prisoners were awarded five years' each. The man who was let off with three months' jail was found with packets of ammunition in his pockets as he was leaving a wharf. The Chief Justice said he thought this was a case the police should have asked the magistrate to deal with as in law it was an offence of a somewhat trivial character.

THE PHIL.

Rehearsals are being resumed on Monday next which means that Hongkong, at no distant date, is to have another excellent concert. A general meeting is also called for Monday next and intending members are advised to send their names to the Hon. Secy., Mr. S. Collett, 3, Queen's Gardens.

FREE \$50 PRIZE.

CORONET THEATRE'S
OFFER.

POPULAR PICTURES.

RESULT OF LAST WEEK'S VOTING
CONTEST.

An entirely new system—framed by an eminent firm of London chartered accountants for a competition involving six million votes—was followed in last week's voting contest, for which the Management of the Coronet Theatre offered a prize of \$50. Competitors had to vote for the twelve best cinema pictures they had ever seen, either here or elsewhere, and they had added pleasure in knowing that in assisting to help the management of the Coronet Theatre decide what pictures are liked best they were helping to choose their own movies.

The maximum number of points obtainable in the contest was 650.

Mr. Hoo Pui,
top floor,
77, Des Voeux Road
Central,

sent in a coupon, which according to the rules announced, obtained 592 marks. This being the highest, the prize is awarded to him. Mr. Hoo Pui should apply to the Management of the Coronet Theatre who will be pleased to give him a cheque for the \$50 prize.

The statement sometimes made that Hoo Kong has a very short memory, was conclusively refuted by the voting. Quite a number of voters pinned their faith to movies which had been shown here years ago and have not been seen since. Just to mention a few, there were Shoulder Arms, Quo Vadis, My Four Years in Germany, Les Miserables, Daddy Longlegs, Jack and the Beanstalk and Tarzan. Competitors who voted for these pictures gave the impression that the old favourites were indelibly stamped on their memories, while the march of progress in the cinema industry is evident from the support accorded to the more recent releases as will be seen in the final result.

Altogether over two hundred pictures were named but there were not more than twenty that seemed likely to be included in the correct solution, which is as follows:—

CORRECT SOLUTION.

1. WAY DOWN EAST.
2. ORPHANS OF THE STORM.
3. ROBIN HOOD.
4. SAFETY LAST.
5. THE THREE MUSKETEERS.
6. THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE.
7. THE KID.
8. THE MARK OF ZORRO.
9. THE ETERNAL FLAME.
10. THE PRISONER OF ZENDA.
11. TROUBLE.
12. INTOLERANCE.

The picture entered first in each coupon was given twelve points; the one second eleven, the third ten, and so on, the twelfth getting, of course, one point. The points were entered up in our special charts and at the end added up. The picture which received the biggest number of points (Way Down East) then took first place in the correct solution. Orphans of the Storm had the next most and the other ten in the order stated. Then each coupon was checked with the correct solution. Inclusion of Way Down East would mean a basis of eleven points; if put in the first position in the coupon, it would be multiplied by twelve, making 144. If in the second line it was multiplied by eleven, making 132; in the others they were in the same proportion, the multiplier being one less for each line than that for the twelfth line, being one. Inclusion of Orphans of the Storm meant a basis of eleven points; if in the first line, it would be multiplied by twelve giving 132. If in the second line, it would be multiplied by eleven giving 121 and in any other line it would be multiplied in the same way as the first picture. The basis for the other pictures decreased by one as they appeared in the order in the correct solution. For example, the basis for the Mark of Zorro was five points. If put first in a coupon it would be multiplied by twelve making 60. If third, it would be 50 (multiplied by ten). If seventh, the multiplier would be six, giving 30. If twelfth, it would be multiplied by one, giving 5. The highest total number of points obtained in each coupon was the factor which decided the prize.

The winner's coupon was as follows:—1 Orphans of the Storm 11 points x 12=132; 2 Way Down East 12 points x 11=132; 3 The Three Musketeers 8 points x 10=80; 4 Robin Hood 10 points x 9=90; 5 The Mark of Zorro 5 points x 8=40; 6 Safety Last 9 points x 7=63; 7 The Kid 6 points x 6=36; 8 The Prisoner of Zenda 3 points x 5=15; 9 Dr. Jack 0 point x 4=0; 10 Tenth 0 point x 3=0; 11 Trouble 2 points x 2=4; 12 The Flirt 0 point x 1=0. Total 592.

PUBLIC SPIRIT.

CORONET THEATRE'S
ENTERTAINMENT.

NOTABLE POLICE FILM.

Mr. H. W. Ray of the Coronet Theatre has, through Mr. T. H. King, Assistant Superintendent of Police, invited the members of the Police Force to witness the exceptionally interesting film which is now showing at the Coronet Theatre and which has excited general interest. This film shows two Chinese walking along a country path. They are set upon by robbers. One man is killed and the other is wounded. An alarm is given and the police arrive. They run the murderers down with the aid of dogs. The wounded man determines to join the police force. There is shown his training, and the time when, after hunting down an evil-doer in approved fashion he becomes a sergeant. This peculiarly interesting and helpful film was actually made with the assistance of members of the Shanghai Police Force and has met with a splendid reception in the Northern port where every member of the force witnessed it.

WANCHAI ROBBERY.

THIS MORNING'S AFFAIR.

After an absence of several days, an armed robbery has again occurred. At about eight o'clock this morning, three men who had a revolver and a dagger between them, entered the first floor of No. 17, Yee Woo Street, which is used as a tenement.

They succeeded in taking away property valued at \$487, \$200 in Hongkong notes and four pairs of gold bangles, escaping in the direction of the Causeway Bay tram terminus.

SHOP-LIFTING.

BARGAIN SALE EPISODE.

Taking advantage of the crush in Wing On's yesterday, when a bargain sale was on, a Chinese dressed in a long coat and claiming to be a barber from Canton, tucked a roll of satin, valued at \$100, under his robe and was about to walk out of the shop when two *fohis* spotted him. Both made a grab for him and he was arrested.

Charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning, he stoutly denied the theft. After the case had been proved his record was produced and it was found that he had been jailed for similar offences in 1906 and 1912 and banished in the latter year. Sub-inspector Hutchins told His Worship that there had been quite a number of thefts from shops lately and His Worship passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

According to points Way Down East was decisively first, half the votes it received, assigning it to first place. However, it did not get many coupons more than Orphans of the Storm, which in turn was far ahead of Robin Hood in both respects. Safety Last was fourth by a large number of points and fifth according to coupons. The Three Musketeers (4), The Four Horsemen (10) and The Kid (6) were close together as reckoned by points, the figures in parentheses denoting their positions according to number of coupons. The last five were evenly separated in a number of votes. Trouble getting the seventh highest number of coupons. The Mark of Zorro eighth, The Eternal Flame ninth, The Prisoner of Zenda eleventh and Intolerance a much smaller number of votes, but more points than a few pictures which were not placed.

Orphans of the Storm had decidedly the most support for second and third places, and Safety Last for fourth. Robin Hood also figured prominently in the first three places and headed the poll for fifth position. Of those not placed, Penrod, Tale of Two Cities and T. A. David received a good deal of support but were generally placed fairly low in the coupons with the result that they did not get enough points. Of other films in the running were Peg O' My Heart, Little Lord Fauntleroy, Dangerous Business, The Three Musketeers, The Man, Woman, Marriage, The Love Flower, Smiling Through, Salome, In the Name of the Law, Garrison's Finish and Foolish Wives. There were a few pictures which received little notice but were usually placed at the top of the list whenever included. Some of them are The Birth of a Nation, Intolerance, The Flame of Life and The Queen of Sheba.

In all issues of the *China Mail* this week will be found coupons for another cinema contest for which the Coronet Theatre is giving another free \$50 prize. This time the voting is for stars and competitors will have the added pleasure of knowing that their opinions will count with the theatre management in selecting pictures.

IN THE GREAT HAND OF LIFE,
DO ALL LINES LEAD TO HAPPINESS

SHOWING
TO-NIGHT

THE HEART LINE

DISCLOSES THE ROMANCE OF FANCY
GRAY WHOSE THREE HEART LINES
FORMED A STRANGE TRIANGLE



You will also enjoy
An "Out of the
Inkwell
Cartoon Comedy"

"JUMPING BEAN"



WORLD THEATRE

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

The largest dock in Great Britain is to be built at Glasgow.

An All-British Exhibition is to be opened for a month at Amsterdam.

The Mexican rebels have taken possession of oil fields at Sienna Blanca.

The House of Commons has opened. Mr. Baldwin was received with Labour jeers.

A resolution of confidence in the Directors of the Dunlop Rubber Co., has been passed.

The French Finance Minister has submitted a scheme aiming at countering the fall of the franc.

The British Embassy has filed a request for information in regard to the seizure of a British schooner.

The London Daily News is of opinion that the Cape should be provided with great dockyard facilities.

A Dutch Speculator has been expelled from Paris on a charge of spreading alarmed reports concerning the fall of the franc.

An all-day meeting of the Executive of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen has decided against an acceptance of the Wages Board award.

Two thousand religious fanatics are terrorizing Surigao and have killed two police, and five constabulary, and have abducted two school teachers. The constabulary are reinforcing.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald says Labour is not going to take office in order to prepare for a General Election. If capital flees from the country when Labour comes to rule, the panic-mongers will be responsible.

When a woman was summoned at Grimby for unpaid rates the stipendiary said: "I will not commit a woman who, I gather, has a lazy husband. If he had been summoned I would have sent him to prison."

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

on
THURSDAY, January 10, 1924,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at Messrs. Kwong Ngan Sang's
Godown, Kennedy Town
(near Academy of the Convent),
228 Baga White Road
62 Bags Broken White Rice
(more or less damaged)
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Hongkong, 9th January, 1924.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF
HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
MEETING will be held on
WEDNESDAY, the 9th inst. at 9.15
p.m. All M. M. are invited to attend.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF 1924 RACE
MEETING.

THE attention of Owners is called
to an alteration in the conditions
of the eight race on the first day, the
Chater Cup.

The last sentence should read as
follows:—"Horses that have started
and never BEEN PLACED in an Of-
ficial Race allowed 10 lbs."

By Order
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL show of Flowers
and Vegetables will be held on
THURSDAY, 6th March 1924.
Schedules are now being printed
and will be sent to Members at an
early date.

Entries will close at 1 p.m. on
WEDNESDAY, 27th of February
1924 at the Hon. Secretary's Office.
The Committee will be glad to re-
ceive the names of new members,
which should be sent in to the Hon.
Secretary Mr. E. B. C. Horrell,
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Hongkong, 9th January, 1924.

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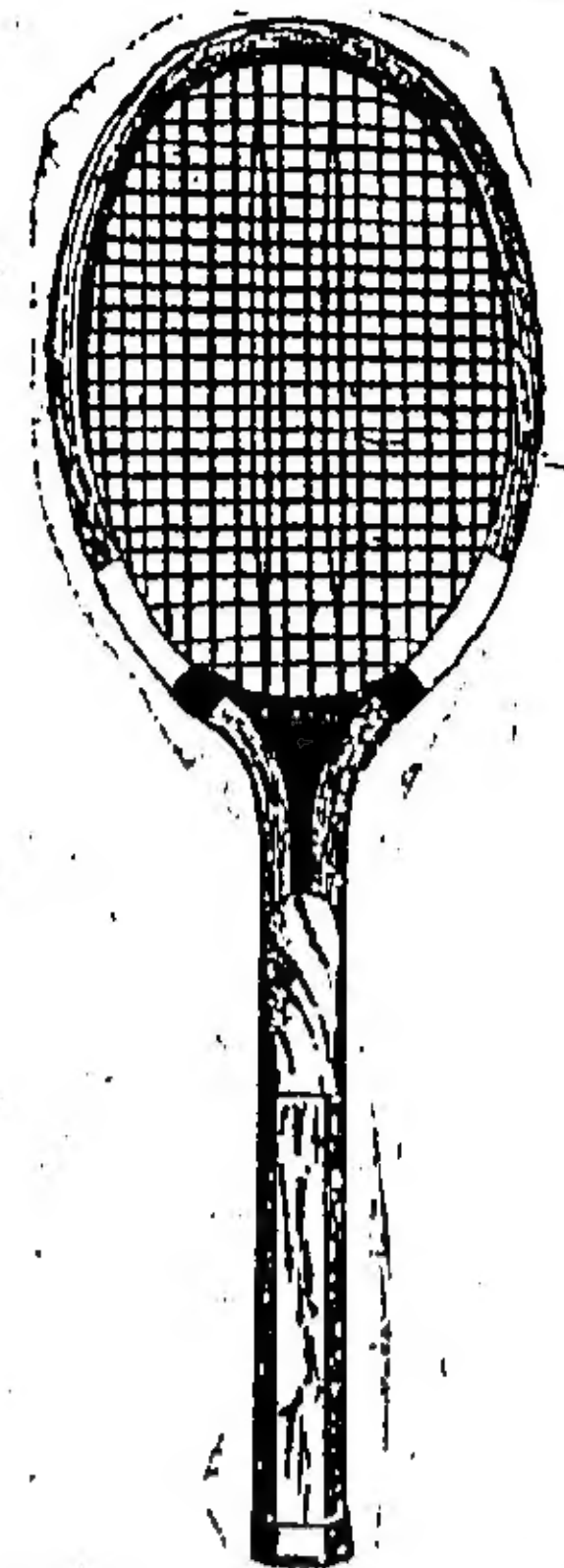
FRIDAY, 11th January, 1924 6.00 p.m. 8.30 p.m. & 9.00 p.m.
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NEWS AND NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

A NEW BOAT.

SANDAKAN, Dec. 1923.
We congratulate Messrs. Kim
Eng Watt Bros., and their work-
men for having turned out such a
smart looking craft launched on
the night of the 10th inst.
This launch was built to replace
their old one. Except the machinery
all other works were done in
their yard under an experienced
supervisor. The launching
ceremony was performed by
Mrs. Koh Peck-chek, wife
of the Managing Partner,
in characteristic English and
Chinese fashion. As the rope was
cut, the vessel glided down the
stock without any hitch, at the same
moment Mrs. Koh Peck broke a
bottle of Champagne over her
head, and when she took the water
crackers were fired, joss-sticks and
candles were lit and other Chinese
formalities were indulged in. She
was given the same name as her
predecessor viz. "Sen Watt". We
wish her and its owners the best
of luck, and may she safely plough
the waters of North Borneo for many
many years to come.

COURT.

Two cases of cutting and wound-
ing, one unfortunately ending
fatally, have engaged attention. A
shop coolie was attacked and cut
with a "parang" by a Sulu.
The victim was taken to the
Hospital and in spite of all
medical aid the patient succumbed
to his injuries. The accused was
tried and convicted of murder
before the Sessions Court and was
sentenced to be hanged, but the
capital punishment was commuted
by order of H. E. the Governor to
one of 14 years R.L. The other was
a stabbing case, not of a serious
nature, the parties were Chinese
clerks, one being employed at
Messrs. Harrisons & Crossfield
(Borneo) Ltd., and the other in the
Government Development Works in
Sandakan. The outcome was on
account of domestic trouble, there
being a woman in the case. The
accused got off lightly with a
fine of \$25.

DEATH.

We regret to note the death of
Mr. Hancock of Sekong Rubber
Estate which occurred at the
Government Civil Hospital. He
was admitted in the hospital suffer-
ing from fever and at
one time he was reported
to be doing well. About a fort-
night ago he was reported to
be progressing favourably, but
later his condition changed for
the worse causing anxiety to his
friends, and he passed away on

CORRESPONDENCE.

SHEEP AND GOATS IN THE
JOCKEY CLUB.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I beg to draw the attention
of members of the Jockey Club to
the proposed new rules Nos. 3 and
6:—

(3) "The Club shall consist of
voting members limited in num-
bers unlimited in number."
Thus there will be sheep and
goats among the members. As to
the goats, these will have all the
privileges of the Club except that
they shall possess no share in the
property of the Club and no voice
in the management of the affairs of
the Club.

Poor goats! What have they
done to deserve that?
After providing for 200 sheep,
who are to be the 200 oldest mem-
bers of the Club on December 31,
1923, we come to the cream of the
Joke, Rule 6.

"The numbers shall not exceed
200, but when the numbers have
fallen below 200 the Stewards shall
invite an ordinary member or
members to fill the vacancy or
vacancies."

This is too beautiful to spoil with
comment; like a flower, "touch it
and the bloom is gone."

The time and place where these
rules will be submitted is 5.30 p.m.
on Thursday next in Jardine's
Board Room—Yours, etc.,

ONE OF THE GOATS.

Hongkong January 8.

WHO'S WHO.

CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Captain W. J. Larter, of the
"Kansu," is on reserve.

Captain R. Unwin, from re-
serve, has gone master, "Kansu."

Mr. T. Johnston, chief officer,
"Sunning," is on reserve.

Mr. F. W. Potter, from reserve,
has gone chief officer, "Sunning."

Mr. G. G. Mudge, from reserve,
has gone chief engineer, "Ngan-
kin."

Mr. T. Henderson, chief engi-
neer, "Ngankin," is on reserve.

Mr. P. A. Maitland, from leave,
has gone chief engineer, "Ngan-
kin."

Captain T. M. Meyrick, from
leave, has gone master, "King-
sing."

Mr. J. M. Sturgeon, acting
master, "Kingsing," has gone
chief officer, same ship.

Mr. J. J. McLeavy, chief officer,
"Kingsing," is on reserve.

Mr. L. S. Holmes, chief engineer,
"Tuckwo," is on leave.

Mr. C. Collins, second engineer,
"Tuckwo," has gone acting chief
engineer, same ship.

Mr. C. M. Anderson, second en-
gineer, "Luenho," has gone second
engineer, "Fausang."

Mr. F. F. Clark, acting second
engineer, "Fausang," has gone
third engineer, same ship.

WORLD THEATRE.

"The Heart Line," a photodram-
atic version of Gelett Burgess'
famous novel, starring Leah Baird
at the World Theatre to-night, is a
unique story revolving about un-
usual characters.

There is the palmist and clair-
voyant who has built his success on
the flimsy foundation of lies and
fraud. He tells customers what
they like to hear. He makes their
castles in the air seem like real
structures of brick and stone. His
readings may be true—how can
he know?

Then there is Madam Spill, a
spiritualistic medium whose stock
of consolation is offered in small
lots at bargain counter prices. It
is shown how she makes ghosts
appear, and how she learns the
question within sealed envelopes.

The heroine is Fancy Gray, a
girl who has drifted down the tide
of life giving happiness to all who
knew her, and asking nothing of
the world but justice. She is seen
as the pal of a gay and carefree
group of bohemians; she is seen
as the efficient secretary of the
palmist; she is seen as the girl
whose love is noble enough to
make the greatest sacrifice; she is
seen playing "ghost" for Madam
Spill.

Other interesting characters are
the heiress who raises the palmist
to her social level and regenerates
him through her faith in his innate
truthfulness; the man who is seek-
ing a boy that has been lost for
twenty years; another man who
plots to marry wealth; and two men
who love a girl who loves another.
Fascinating, vivid, wholesome
and potent is "The Heart Line,"
presented by Arthur F. Beck
through Pathé.

mercy. A report of joint sub-
committee of the North Borneo
Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese
Chamber of Commerce will be sent
to the Government for further con-
sideration.

IBANEZ.

SPAIN'S NOVELIST.

[Among the "Francisco's"
passengers—the boat is due in
Hongkong on Saturday—is Vicente
Blasco Ibañez, described as Spain's
most popular novelist. The follow-
ing graphic portrait of the author
will be read with interest.]

Vicente Blasco Ibañez, author of
"The Four Horsemen of the
Apocalypse" and a dozen other
famous novels, is most himself in his
villa on the Mediterranean, close to
where a mountain road, a sentinel
and two posts divide France from
Italy. The Villa Fontana Rosa, on
the Bay of Capri at Montone, is
much like other villas on the coast
save that it contains a remarkable
work-room, giving on to a tropical
garden, not without touches of
Spain. A long, quiet, almost
austere room in faint lavender-grey,
lined with books in all languages,
and topped by portraits of famous
men.

No poses, no reserves.
A thick-set, ruddy, middle-sized
man with a powerful head, Blasco
Ibañez, in the middle fifties, is one
of the world's most famous
novelists. It is said of "The Four
Horsemen" that, in America, it has
been more read than any book
except the Bible. His whole per-
sonality is made up of energy, in-
telligence and imagination.

Though learned, there is nothing
of the pale student about him. Yet
his wonderful description of Toledo,
"La Catedral," is a synthesis of
the blighting influence of the
Church on Spain; in his "Mare
Nostrum" you have a picture of the
whole effect of Mediterranean
civilization on the world.

The man is geniality itself. He
has no poses, and no reserves, and
will talk on any subject—in French,
with a pronounced Spanish accent
and many Spanish idioms—from
Dickens and Cervantes to the
cinema and the opera.

It is rare to find a literary man
with such a love of music as has
Ibañez. He sees, too, a great future
for the film, and it is a pleasure for
a Briton to be able to tell him, what
he did not know, that the amazing
production of "The Four Horse-
men," with its ethical note running
through the whole story like a
leitmotif in music, is the work of
an Englishman—Rex Ingram. But
if Ibañez has made a fortune out of
the film, he gained nothing but fame
from the book, for he tells you,
laughing, that he sold it, as a piece
of effective propaganda for the
Allies, to an impecunious American
journalist for the modest sum of
\$80.

TRAGEDY AND COMEDY.

Our author, indeed, is not only a
marvellous teller of tales, but has
lived through tragedy, comedy and
romance in his own person. As a
youth he lay for many months at
times in foul Spanish dungeons for
his revolutionary (what we should
call Liberal) opinions. He has
tramped Italy without a sou, and
has been elected many times deputy
to the Cortes. He has bought mid-
night candles in damp offices in
Valencia learning his author's craft
after the drudgery of daily jour-
nalism. He has been acclaimed
like a conqueror in the North and
South America; he has founded a
Spanish colony in Patagonia, has
married and begotten a sturdy
young family. He owns a marble
palazzo in Spain, and a beautiful
apartment in Paris, but loves best
his villa at Montone.

It is now his home, and he only
leaves it for long motor tours in
summer, or an occasional visit to
the New World. He is proud of the
terrace and the brick pergola he is
constructing on the mountain side
of his villa; here you have an
enchanting view of a wrinkled, blue-
satin sea, of the mole and the old
town climbing up the hill.

It is easy to see what a pleasure
it is for the master to talk Spanish,
for, in the midst of our English
winter colony, he does not under-
stand our language, in spite of
dazzling tours in the United States,
where fame and honours were
showered upon him. When his old
friend Cunningham Graham ap-
pears at his luncheon parties it is
great to hear the two writers talk in
Spanish. They are thoroughly
enjoying themselves as the mar-
vellous macaroni goes round a
second time and an amber, rather
potent, Spanish wine marks the
first of a series of wonderful vin-
tages.

TWO FAMOUS AUTHORS.

For though Robert Cunningham-
Graham drinks nothing but cold
water, Ibañez loves good cheer, and
his parties, where you meet all the
beauties and all the wits, and all the
nationalities, are probably the most
amusing in the whole Azur coast.
Here, in his oak-panelled, crim-
son-hung dining-room, we have the
human Blasco Ibañez talking, gasp-
ing, laughing heartily at his
own excellent stories, sending round
the wine, urging his guests to take
a second helping.

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BRITAIN'S BIGGEST DOCK.

GLASGOW'S NEW VENTURE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 8.
The Clyde Trustees have obtain-
ed Government assistance to pro-
vide a new dock at Glasgow. It will
be the largest in Great Britain and
will cost £2,000,000. The construc-
tion will commence immediately.

CHINESE COMMISSION.

SEEING THINGS.

LONDON, January 8.
In an interview to-day, the
Chinese Industrial Commissioner
stated that he was greatly impres-
sioned with what he was seeing in
England, and was especially
grateful for the courteous way he
had been received. To-day, he
inspected the underground railway
and took particular note of its
developments and also the great
improvements in motor transport.
A reception given in his honour at
the Legation was attended by
prominent British and Chinese
business men, and officials, includ-
ing representatives of the Foreign
Office.

GERMANY'S FINANCES.

PARIS, January 8.
Mr. Dawes Young and the
American members of the Experts
Committee are enquiring into
Germany's finances and have made
a statement pointing out they have
come as private citizens without
preconceived plans and declaring
that the committee's work should
be conducted with all possible
expedition.

TANGIER TREATY.

SPANISH CLAIMS.

BARCELONA, January 9.
A hitch has revealed that
negotiations regarding the
Tangier Treaty are held up by the
announcement that Gen. Primo
De Rivera has sent a Note to the
Franco British Governments re-
garding the Spanish claims on
Tangier. He expresses confidence
that Britain and France will give
favourable reception to the Note
which is couched in moderate and
cordial terms.

U.S.A. IMMIGRANTS.

PROBLEM OF SELECTION.

WASHINGTON, January 8.
Replying to the question from
the immigration committee, Mr.
Hughes, Secretary of State stated
that the establishment of a Govern-
ment Inspection Service in foreign
countries for the selection of im-
migrants would be difficult without
new treaty agreements.—Reuter's
American Service.

ATLANTIC STORMS.

SHIPS DELAYED.

NEW YORK, January 9.
Storms delayed the arrival of at
least seven liners. The "Majestic,"
due yesterday, with Sir Auckland
Geddes and Sir Robert Home
aboard, wireless that she struck
the full force of the gale on January
5, and battled many hours. Moun-
tainous seas forced the boat to slow
down and she is now proceeding
normally and expects to dock to-
morrow at Key West. The Italian
steamer "Rosario" from Port
Arthur was ashore on the Florida
reef but got off unassisted. The
damage is unknown.—Reuter's
American Service.

MEXICO MELEE.

REBELS TAKE OIL.

NEW YORK, January 8.
The Pan-American Petroleum
Transport Company announce that
rebels are in possession of the Com-
pany's oilfields at Sierra Blanca
and Chapapote, causing wells to
close down.—Reuter's American
Service.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

NAM PAK HONG
QUOTATIONS.

About 70,000 "quarter sacks"
of American flour have arrived
here by the s.s. "President
Madison."

The announcement that an em-
bargo will be put on the export of
silver coins from Canton has
caused an appreciable rise in the
premium for Hongkong banknotes.
Further increases are predicted.

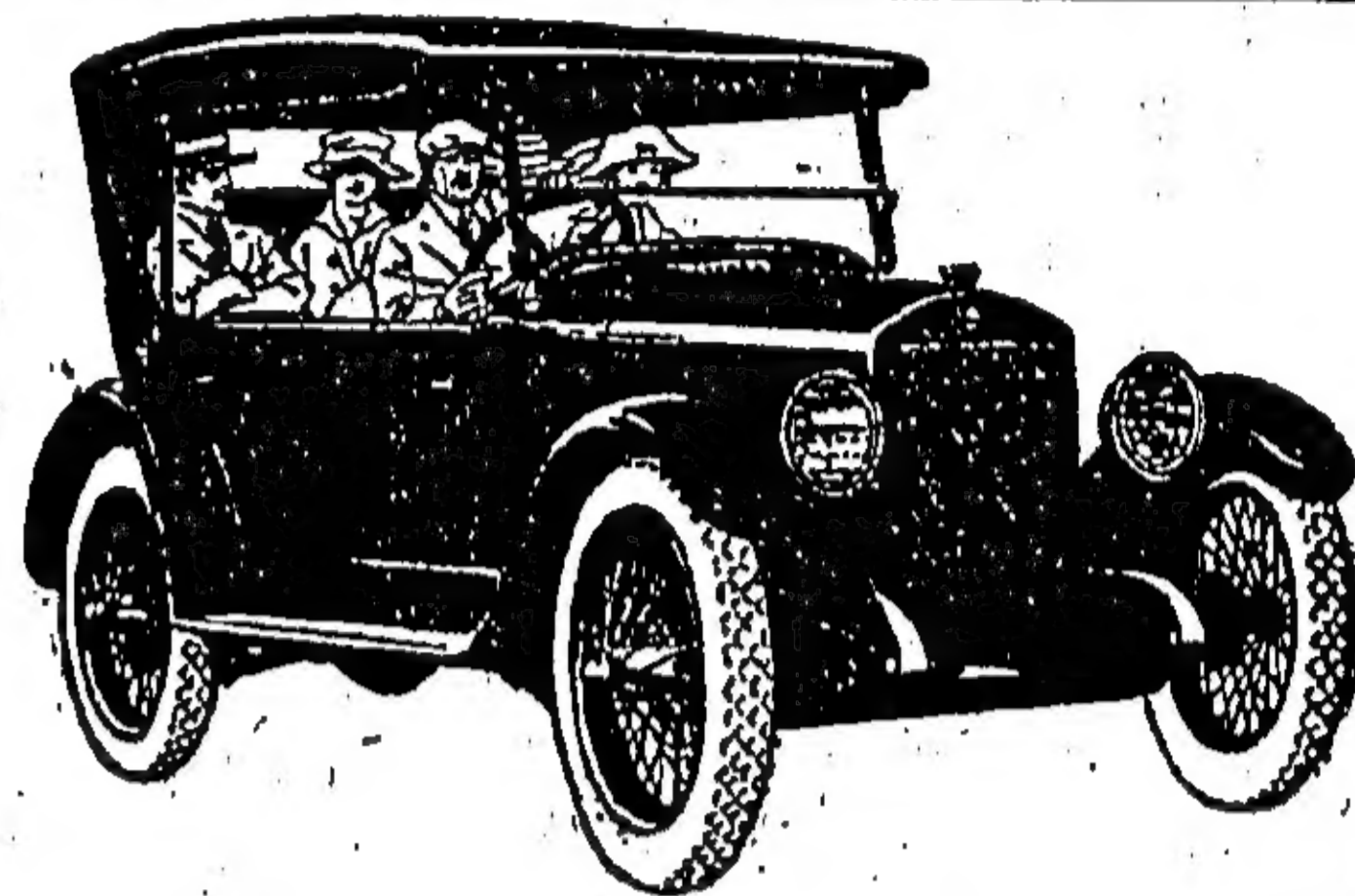
This morning's Nam Pak Hong
quotations for "spot" goods, basis
usual gold terms, are as follows:—
Java Sugar, average quality, per
picul net—No. 24 rough white
\$15.80; No. 24 fine white 16.03;
No. 18 rough brown 15.00.

Rice, average quality, per picul
gross for net—No. 1 Siam long
white; superior, old crop \$9.30;
superior, new crop \$8.75; ordinary,
old crop, 8.75.
Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Day-
ton \$2.78, Bahama 2.75, Kwan Tao
2.80, Sperry's XXX 3.60, Kingfisher
2.90, Malze 2.52, White Rose 2.78,
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Mrs. Richard W. Sudds.

Instead of leaving his wife behind when he entered Penn State College, Richard W. Sudds, of Butler, Pa., took her along. It proved a wise move, for both have won honours. The husband stood at the head of the present junior class, with an average of 91.7 per cent, while the wife stands 15th in a class of more than 800. Both have been awarded Honour Society Council medals for the excellence of their work.



Violet Dickerson.

Violet Dickerson, 19 of Philadelphia is held there without bail on the charge of shooting Louis Hirsch during an attempted street hold-up. The girl told a weird story of being under the hypnotic influence of her sweetheart, George Maxwell, in whose home she was captured.



Thomas G. Masaryk.

Above is the most recent portrait of Thomas G. Masaryk, President of Czechoslovakia.



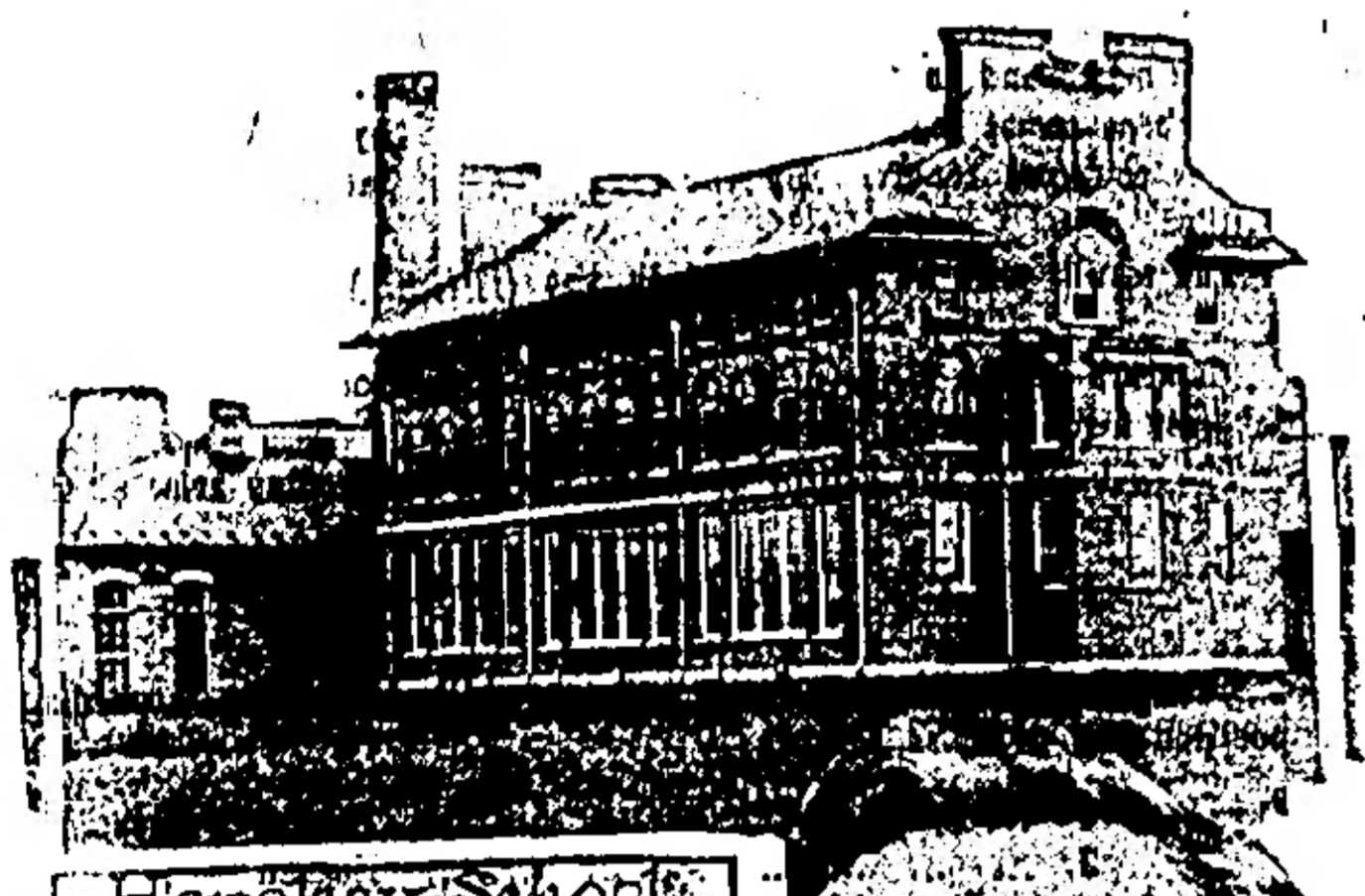
Miss Ethel Coleman.

Miss Ethel Coleman is the first Lady Lord Mayor to be elected in England, taking up her duties in Norwich.



Mrs. Marie Weighman.

A suit filed in Philadelphia by Mrs. Marie Campbell Paul Weighman against her husband, William Weighman, 34, 35-year-old grandson of the late William Weighman, once more brings into litigation the \$50,000,000 fortune built up by the founder of the chemical firm of Powers, Weighman & Rosengarten. Mrs. Weighman, who lives in Los Angeles, where she was formerly a motion-picture actress, charges that her husband has failed to contribute to her support since they were separated, in 1918, "without cause." She also charges that he bigamously married Lucy McCready, 17-year-old farmer girl at Oswego, N. Y., July 4, 1921. She calls Weighman a spendthrift.



Hershey School.

Above is shown the main building of the orphan's Industrial School, Hershey, Pa., for the benefit of which Milton S. Hershey, "Chocolate King," has established a \$60,000,000 trust fund—his entire fortune. The first floor is used for classrooms, the second and third for dormitories and the basement for a gymnasium.



Milton S. Hershey.



Rafael Schermann.

Rafael Schermann, Viennese psychographologist, who has startled scientific men the world over by his remarkable reading of character and diagnosis of disease by looking at handwriting, went from New York to Boston to demonstrate his powers, but suffered a nervous breakdown and was compelled to cancel all his engagements.



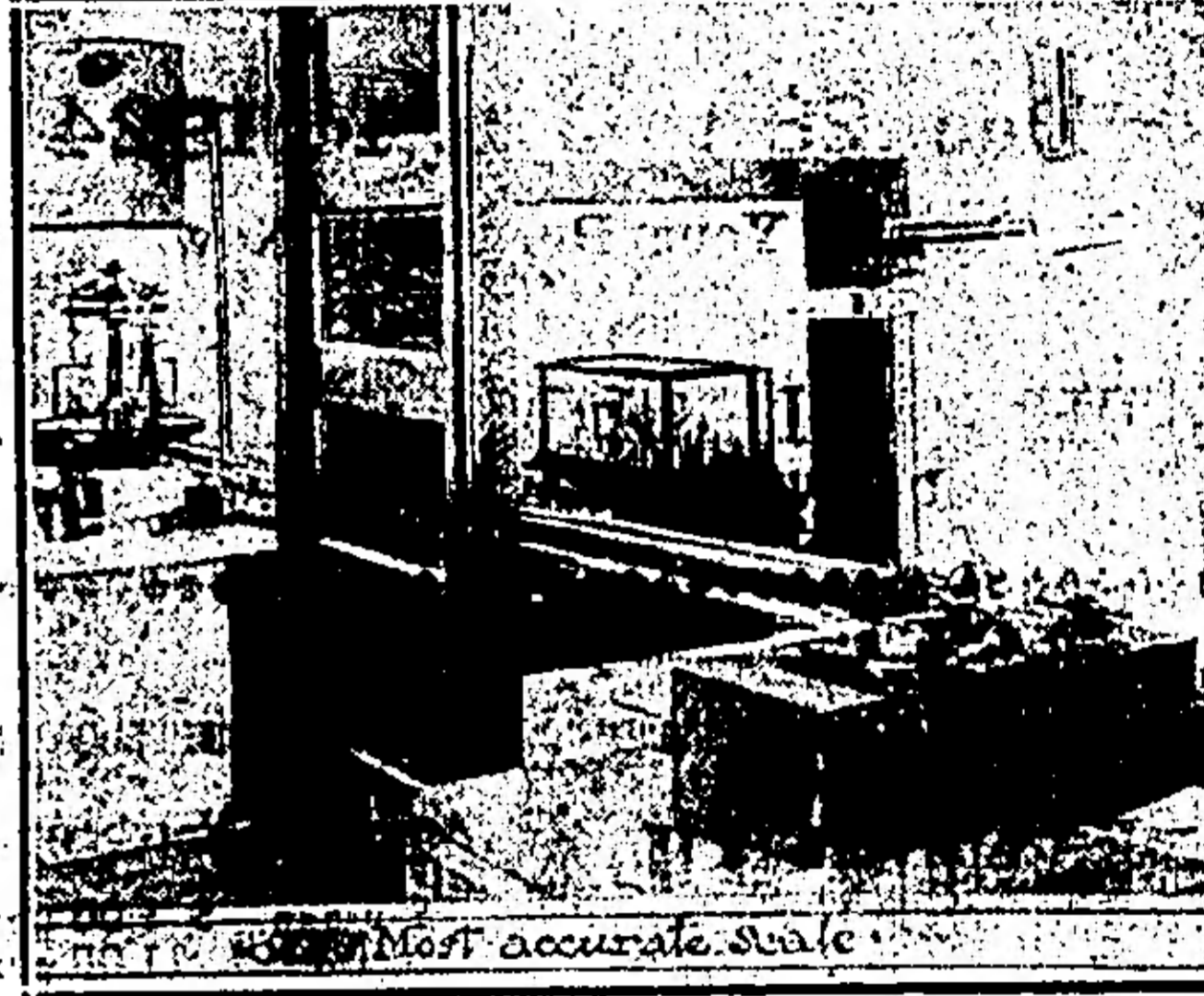
Roy Chapman Andrews.

Roy Chapman Andrews, renowned scientist and explorer, leader of the American Museum of Natural History's expedition to the Gobi Desert, in China, declared upon his return to Seattle that his party had discovered in Asia, the "Paleontological Garden in Eden." As proof of his assertion that all life originated in Central Asia he brought back 25 dinosaurs, said to be 10,000,000 years old. The skeleton of the newly discovered "beluchiteerium," or browsing rhinoceros, and one of a gigantic dog, with a 3-foot head and an 18-inch jaw, were also brought back for the New York museum.



Scott Phillips.

Twelve-year-old Scott Phillips, of Toledo, O., has the distinction of being about the only boy who prefers to bake cakes and pies rather than play baseball. Ever since he was eight years old he has made the kitchen his playground and cooked pastries. To-day he is the official champion cake baker (not eater) of northern Ohio.



Most accurate scale.

What is believed to be the most accurate weighing machine in the world is high-precision balance in the Bureau of Standards, in Washington, capable of weighing with an accuracy of 1-1,000,000-fault. It is so susceptible to foreign influence that it is encased in glass and is operated by rods from another room, so as to avoid the disturbing influences caused by the heat from the operator's body.



World's largest microscope.

What is said to be the largest microscope in the world has been completed by W. H. Reagan, of Los Angeles. It resembles a telescope more than a microscope. Little Marion Baker is shown here, with the builder, looking at a miniature picture through the instrument.



Robert J. Grant.

Robert J. Grant, Superintendent of the Denver (Colo.) Mint, has been appointed by President Coolidge to be director of the United States Mint, taking the place of F. E. Scobey, who recently resigned.



Miss Mary B. Brossman.

Miss Mary B. Brossman has been elected Judge of the Municipal Court in Cleveland, O. She will serve a six-year term.



M. Joseph Caillaux.

Former Premier Joseph Caillaux, exiled from Paris and other sections of France for his alleged trafficking with the enemy in the World War, has re-entered French politics in dramatic fashion. Addressing 400 of his followers at a banquet in Denain, one of the few towns he can enter, he planned a definite programme for the Left Wing of the Chamber of Deputies, when the latter shall oppose Premier Poincare at the coming elections. France, he said was entitled to reparations and security from Germany, but that under the Poincare plan she would get neither.



Nest of dinosaur eggs.

Above are shown, just as they were found, eggs laid by a dinosaur 10,000,000 years ago in the Great Gobi Desert of China, according to Roy Andrews Chapman, head of the American Museum of Natural History expedition, which has just returned to the United States. Near these eggs 25 in all, the expedition found fossilized skeletons of the dinosaur which probably laid them. Chapman, a noted scientist, believes that all life originated in Central Asia. This photograph is published by special arrangement with Asia Magazine and the American Museum of Natural History and Asia Magazine.

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FARTHER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON DOCK FIRE.

LONDON, January 7. The London dock fire has been got under control. The damage is estimated at £100,000.

LATER. The London dock fire was still burning this morning, but it is now well in hand.

The fire engines and a hundred firemen are still working, and it is hoped to suppress it by the afternoon. The damage is now estimated at over £200,000. The fire is caused by a gas leak from a gasometer. The gasometer was filled with rubber, and the gas was leaking from the joints.

SHIPPING CONSTRUCTION.

LONDON, January 7. Lloyd's Register shows that new shipbuilding actually under construction in Great Britain and Ireland on December 31 was 1,231,000 tons, compared with an average of 1,800,000 tons during the twelve months before the war. Vessels commenced numbered 214, while 114 were launched in the December quarter, compared with 111 and 66 respectively during the previous quarter. 1922 vessels were actually under construction abroad, a decrease of 42 compared with October 30, 1923, while 217 were launched during the quarter. The latter total considerably exceeded the previous quarter and, in conjunction with the increase in British yards, appears to show a tendency towards improvement of conditions in the shipbuilding industry of the world.

AERONAUTICAL CONTEST.

PARIS, January 7. The Committee of the International Aeronautical Federation announce that the Schneider Cup plane contest will be held in the United States in 1924 (2 1924).

MR. ASQUITH ILL.

LONDON, January 7. Mr. Asquith, who has a chill, was unable to be present in the House of Commons to-day.

OBITUARY.

REAR-ADMIRAL HOLDER.

LONDON, January 7. The death is announced of Rear-Admiral Henry Lowe Holder, who entered the Navy in 1852 and served in the Russian War 1854-55 (Crimean and Turkish medals, Sebastopol Clasp, 5th class Med. 1864), Straits of Simonski 1864 (promoted and specially mentioned). Deceased was in his 69th year.

MR. C. T. WANG'S VISIT TO JAPAN.

PEKING, January 8. Interviewed by a representative of the Peking Daily News, Mr. C. T. Wang said that "several hundred Chinese were murdered during the earthquake, some of whom were killed by mistake but others were murdered either intentionally or because of hatred." Mr. Wang said he did not know what action the Government would take.

AS REGARDS THE REPORT THAT HE WENT TO JAPAN TO NEGOTIATE WITH JAPAN REGARDING RUSSIA, HIS BUSINESS WAS TO NEGOTIATE WITH RUSSIA AND NOT WITH JAPAN OVER RUSSIA.

"HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHINA."

LONDON, January 7. In the so-called heavyweight championship of China, Kunito Hansen knocked out "Silent" Linnett in the fourth round.

[Kunito Hansen is 19 years of age and his weight is given as 220 lbs. "Silent" Linnett is a U.S. Marine stationed at Tientsin and weighs a trifle over 200 lbs.]

SENSATION IN JAPAN.

The Korean attack, combined with the recent attack on the Prince Regent, now indicates a decided movement against Imperialism and is causing a greater sensation than the earthquake.

It is revealed that a Korean plot was discovered recently in Shanghai to assassinate the Prince Regent on his wedding day.

Speculation is rife regarding the drastic measures to be taken to prevent fresh attempts, and sensational developments are expected.

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EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

HOME NOTES.

Wembley, November 20.

There is to be shown at the British Empire Exhibition some very beautiful timber, from inland Africa, which is practically unknown in England. This exhibit will be shown by the East African group of colonies and protectorates which stretch from the desert Nile to the Great Lakes. The East African group has decided to erect an Arab building in which to show the products and the scenery of the Sudan, Kenya, Uganda, Mauritius, and other places.

The Malaya Pavilion, which is now well on the way toward completion, will have a popular appeal to all interested in naval affairs. It will contain large models of Singapore harbour, the new causeway connecting Singapore island with the peninsula, and the new port of Penang.

Malaya is going in exclusively for models. There will be models of mines and mining machinery and specimens of ore which gives the world one-third of its tin supply. The same region supplies half the world's rubber, the whole story of which will be told in specimens, demonstrations, and pictures. The coconut industry and agricultural resources will also be shown.

The Pavilion to house the exhibits will be in the Moorish-Arabesque style of Malaya, and will cover 32,000 square feet. It will have special sections devoted to agriculture, mines, commerce, scenery, arts and crafts and forestry. The production of gutta percha and resin will be shown as well as native silverwork, basketry and silk work.

The Straits Settlements, Malay States and the unfederated dependencies will all take part, and Sarawak is to build a pavilion of its own nearby which will be a replica of the residence of the Rajah Brooke.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors to the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published—

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